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## Some Practical Reflections on Current Religious Thought

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TU ES PETRUS.

POPE Benedict XV is dead—God rest his soul. By the time this paper reaches our readers there may quite possibly be another Pontiff in the chair of St. Peter. It is a striking illustration of the perpetuity and the continuity of the Catholic Church. Pontiff succeeds Pontiff, yet the Church goes on. So it has been from the beginning—so it will be until the end. Great men and men less able, fill the Apostolic See for a few years, and pass before the Judgment Seat to receive the reward of their works. There have been a few weak and a few unholy Popes—startlingly few in comparison with the total number who have ruled the Church. The vast majority have been men of great intellectuality and power and saintliness. Many died martyrs for their Master; one-third of all are canonized saints. But always the individuality of the man has been overshadowed by the dignity and greatness of the office. As men, they were successes or failures. As Popes, in their capacity of Head of the Church on Earth, Vicegerent of Christ, Servant of the Servants of God, they were clothed with a majesty surpassing that of Kings, compassed about by a supernatural protection, dowered with spiritual gifts—and all for the sake, not of themselves, but of the Church. The claims of the Papacy would be preposterous if they referred merely to this or that Pope as an individual. But when regarded by thoughtful and unprejudiced minds, the claims of the Papacy are seen to be the only possible safeguards for the Faith which is to save men's souls, and for the Church which, although a Divine Institution, must yet be administered by human beings on behalf of God.

The failure of Protestantism, the disintegration of its sects, the nebulousness and fallability of its teachings, its individualism, its inherent weakness (which comes to light whenever it is called upon to meet a crisis where solidarity and unanimity are necessary) is sufficient proof of

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## The Stranger at Services in the Catholic Church

THE FUNERAL SERVICE ..

BECAUSE the body of the baptized Christian was a temple of the Holy Ghost, and, in the case of a Catholic, it often became the tabernacle of Jesus through Holy Communion, and because it is destined for a glorious resurrection, the Church consecrates the very ground in which it will be laid. This is the reason why Catholics have cemeteries of their own. When the remains of one, who had been a practical Catholic, are brought to the church for the funeral service, the priest, accompanied by altar-boys, walk in procession from the chancel to the entrance of the church to meet the departed parishioner. Proceeding up the aisle towards the altar the priest chants alternately with the choir, the **50th psalm** known as the Miserere, which was David's most humble prayer for pardon. The English version of the psalm is as follows:

Have mercy on me, O God! according to thy great mercy.

And according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out my iniquity.

Wash me yet more from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my iniquity, and my sin is always before me.

To Thee only have I sinned, and have done evil before Thee, that Thou mayest be justified in Thy words, and mayest overcome when Thou art judged.

For behold! I was conceived in iniquities; and in sins did my mother conceive me.

For behold Thou hast loved truth; the uncertain and hidden things of Thy wisdom Thou hast made manifest to me.

Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed; Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

To my hearing thou shalt give joy and gladness; and the bones that are humbled shall rejoice.

Turn away Thy face from my sins, and blot out my iniquities.

Create a clean heart in me, O God! and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy face, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and strengthen me with a perfect spirit.

I will teach the unjust Thy ways; and the wicked shall be converted to Thee.

Deliver me from blood O God! Thou God of my salvation, and my tongue shall extol Thy justice.

O Lord! Thou wilt open my lips, and my mouth shall declare my praise.

For if Thou hadst desired sacrifice, I could indeed have given it; with burnt offerings Thou wilt not be delighted.

A sacrifice to God is an afflicted spirit; a contrite and humble heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

Deal favorably, O Lord! in thy good will with Sion, that the walls of Jerusalem may be built up.

Then shalt Thou accept the sacrifice, oblations, and whole burnt offerings; then shall they lay calves upon Thy altar.

Eternal rest grant unto him (her) O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him (her).

During the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, which now follows, blessed candles burn around the coffin, signifying the light of faith possessed and practiced by the deceased.

After the Holy Sacrifice is over other prayers are recited or sung, during which the priest, vested in a cope, sprinkles the coffin with Holy

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## Peace Terms Suggested by Pope Before Wilson Acted

ON the third anniversary of the outbreak of the war, a whole year before President Wilson wrested the surrender of Germany on the basis of his famous fourteen points, Pope Benedict made eight proposals, seven of which were incorporated in Wilson's terms.

"(1) Disarmament, or the simultaneous and reciprocal diminution of armament in the measure deemed necessary, and the abolition of enforced conscription.

"(2) Arbitration. Or settling all questions in dispute among nations by resources to a Court of Arbitration which shall judge the question impartially and in accordance with the laws of justice and right.

"(3) The true liberty and community of the seas, the natural means of communication among nations and the natural sources and highways of prosperity and progress.

"(4) All damages to be repaired, and as to war expenses, reciprocal condonation, which would be justified by the advantages to be derived from disarmament.

"(5) A just reparation when in particular cases there are special reasons for making it.

"(6) The evacuation of Belgium with the guarantee of Belgium's full political, military and economic independence'; the evacuation of the French occupied territory; restitution of the German colonies.

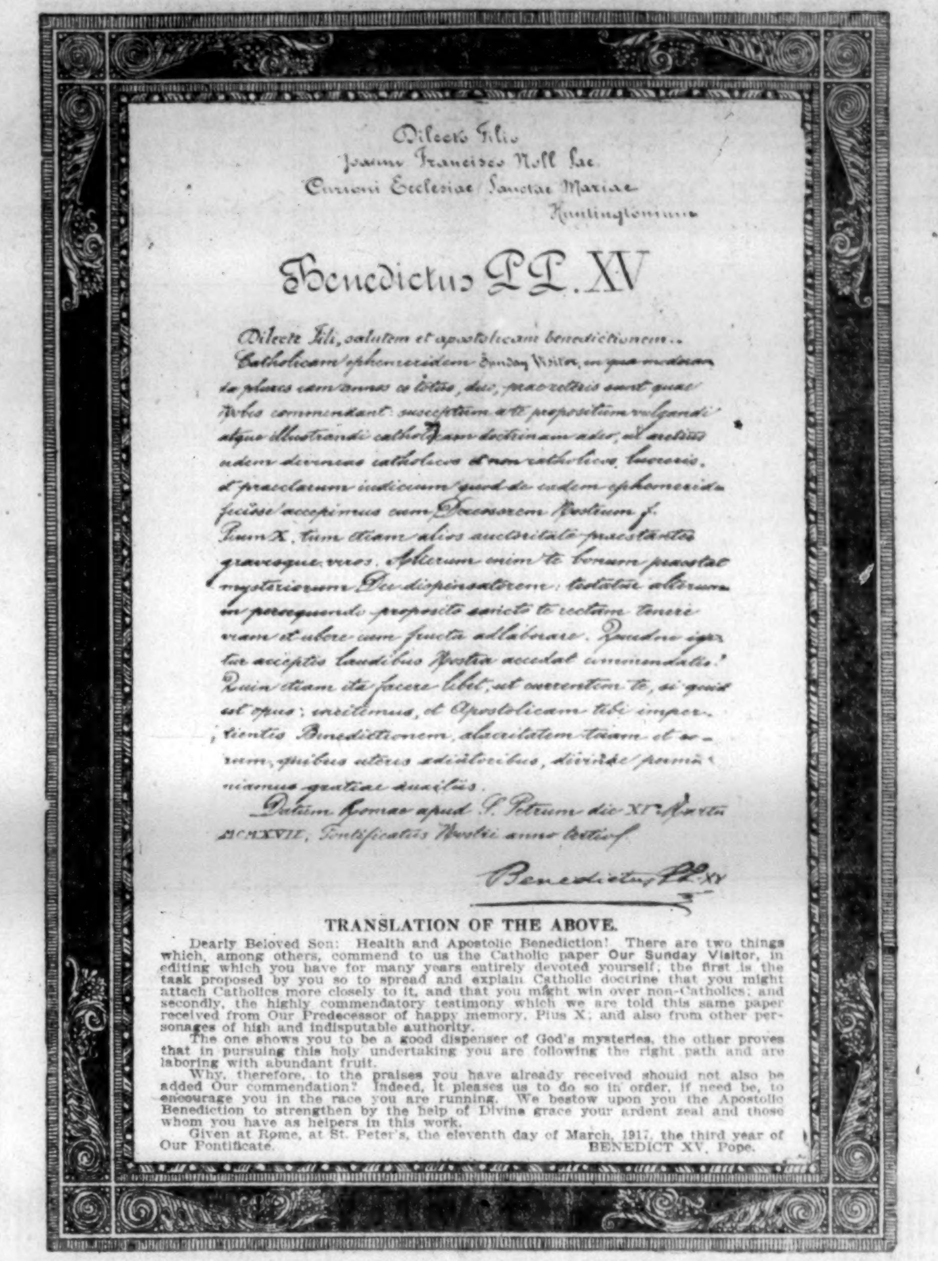
"(7) Territorial questions, such as those in debate between Italy and Austria, Germany and France, must be examined in a spirit of conciliation taking into consideration the aspirations of the peoples and common welfare of humanity.

"(8) Adjustment according to the laws of equity and justice of all other territorial and political questions, notably: The adjustment of the Armenian question, the adjustment of the Balkan question, a territorial adjustment of those countries which form a part of the ancient Kingdom of Poland."

**His Proposals Accepted by Satesmen.**

On January 5, 1918, Mr. Lloyd George addressed a deputation of Mayors' delegates who had met to discuss the question of war effectives. On January 8, of the same year, the President of the United States addressed a message to Congress in which he outlined his war aims and his peace program.

Both statesmen substantially agreed on the points set forth by the Pope. They agreed, 1, on disarmament; 2, arbitration; 3, the freedom of the seas; 4, the resoration of Belgium; 5, the return of the occupied territories; 6, proper indemnities; 7, on Poland.



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Benedictus PP. XV

Dilecte Fili, salutem et apostolicam benedictionem.
Catholicam ephemeridem Sunday Visitor, in qua redigenda plures iam annos es totus, duo, praeter cetera sunt quae Nobis commendant: susceptum a te propositum vulgandi atque illustrandi catholicam doctrinam adeo, ut arctius eidem devincias catholicos et non catholicos lucreris, et praeclarum iudicium quod de eadem ephemeride fecisse accepimus cum Decessorem Nostrum f. Pium X, tum etiam alios auctoritate praestantes graveque viros. Alterum enim te bonum praestat mysteriorum Dei dispensatorem; testatur alterum in persequendo proposito sancto te rectam tenere viam et ubere cum fructu adlaborare. Quidni igitur acceptis laudibus Nostra accedat commendatio? Quin etiam ita facere libet, ut currentem te, si quid est opus, incitemus, et Apostolicam tibi impertientes Benedictionem, alacritatem tuam et eorum, quibus uteris adiutoribus, divinae permuniamus gratiae auxiliis.
Datum Romae apud S. Petrum die XI Martii MCMXVII, Pontificatus Nostri anno tertio.

Benedictus PP. XV

TRANSLATION OF THE ABOVE.

Dearly Beloved Son: Health and Apostolic Benediction! There are two things which, among others, commend to us the Catholic paper **Our Sunday Visitor**, in editing which you have for many years entirely devoted yourself; the first is the task proposed by you so to spread and explain Catholic doctrine that you might attach Catholics more closely to it, and that you might win over non-Catholics; and secondly, the highly commendatory testimony which we are told this same paper received from Our Predecessor of happy memory, Pius X; and also from other personages of high and indisputable authority.

The one shows you to be a good dispenser of God's mysteries, the other proves that in pursuing this holy undertaking you are following the right path and are laboring with abundant fruit.

Why, therefore, to the praises you have already received should not also be added Our commendation? Indeed, it pleases us to do so in order, if need be, to encourage you in the race you are running. We bestow upon you the Apostolic Benediction to strengthen by the help of Divine grace your ardent zeal and those whom you have as helpers in this work.

Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, the eleventh day of March, 1917, the third year of Our Pontificate. BENEDICT XV, Pope.

# Not One Objection is Sound

## The Editor Discusses Some Very Common Misapprehensions Regarding the Catholic Church.

**THERE is too much Mary and Saints in Catholic Devotion.**

There is nothing in Catholic doctrine which compels people to pray to the Blessed Virgin Mary or to any of the Saints. The Church teaches that it is proper to honor them and good to pray to them. The Bible commands us to honor our father and mother, to honor the king, to pay honor to whomsoever it is due. On this principle it is our duty to show honor to the Mother of Jesus and to all saintly men and women who loved God with their whole hearts while on earth, and are now being honored by Him in Heaven.

Understand we are speaking of **honor** and **not of worship.** Every Catholic child knows that only God may be worshipped; it also knows that only God can, of His own power, hear our prayers. Every Catholic also knows that there is only one mediator by redemption; but the saints may mediate for us by prayer, just as I may mediate for you and you for me by prayer. When we pray to Saints or to the Blessed Virgin Mary we ask that they **join us in prayer to God.** We request them, just as I would you: "Pray for me." But we do not ask God to pray for us. He is supreme. Surely if you love Christ you must love His mother and all those who endeared themselves to Him by following his example most closely.

**There is so much ceremony and so little that is understood in Catholic services.**

The ceremony is not anything in itself. It is merely the dress in which a public prayer or action is clothed. It is like the action which suits the word in a spoken address. Therefore when the service itself is understood the ceremony is most clear. Every Bible Christian must know that Almighty God prescribed minutely the ceremonies with which all services in the temple were to be clothed, and Christ Himself used ceremonies when He cured the deaf and dumb, when He cured the blind man, when He was baptized, etc. Is there a single lodge which does not follow ceremonies at every one of its meetings? When any club meets it pretends to follow parliamentary law, which is only another word for "ceremony." Note how the Justices of our Supreme Court are clothed; how our college men and ladies are garbed at commencement exercises or when they receive degrees. Note the ceremonies observed in any patriotic demonstration or public reception.

**The use of statuary and pictures in the Church is a violation of the First Commandment.**

**Worship** of statuary and pictures would be a violation of the Commandment, but not the presence of these things in the church. It was after God gave the ten Commandments that he ordered figures of angels to be placed before the very Holy of Holies, and ordered the walls of the temple to be covered with "divers figures and carvings." If the first Commandment forbids the making of images or their use in any form, then every sculptor, and painter, and photographer violates the Commandment. They make "graven things and the likeness of things." The statuary in Catholic churches, and the pictures on the walls, representing the Way of the Cross, are incentives to devotion and reminders of the love of Jesus Christ for us, or of the heroism of His saintly followers. The method of teaching in school today is by **chart pictures**; it is by far the most impressive way of teaching. Images of God's friends in His house are as appropriate as the images of your friends in your house, and there is no more thought of Catholics worshipping them in God's house than of you yourself worshipping them in your house.

**The Catholic Church emphasizes Tradition and minimizes the Bible.**

Again you have been misinformed. It is the Protestant who follows Tradition almost altogether, though he does not realize it. He accepts the Bible itself on Tradition, on the word of the Catholic Church, which decided what was the canon of the Bible. He follows Tradition when he embraces a particular denomination, or when he believes one is justified by faith alone. The Bible insists on

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## ITEMS FROM SECULAR PRESS ON POPE'S DEATH

**PRESIDENT HARDING'S EULOGY.**

President Harding, in a message sent to Cardinal Gasperri through Secretary of States Hughes: "Deeply regretting to learn of the demise of His Holiness, Benedict XV, the President desires me to express to your Eminence profound condolence. His love of humanity, his promotion of peace as well as his kindly spirit and great learning, won for him a place in the hearts of men everywhere. His death will be deeply mourned throughout the United States."—**The Associated Press.**

"The statue erected to him in Constantinople, to which Mohammedans, Hebrews and Protestants, as well as members of his own Church, subscribed, has an inscription setting forth that he was the 'benefactor of the peoples, without regard to their nationality or creed,' and sufficiently proves the opinion entertained of him in the Orient."—**Washington Post.**

"As an administrator of his great charge, Benedict XV deserves more praise than he has received. He leaves the Church stronger and more flourishing, in spite of all the reverses and actions and ruins of the war, than it was at his accession. Whether a more heroic, positive attitude in the war could reasonably have been asked of him is a question which persons not of his communion are least of all entitled to answer."—**New York Times.**

"The world has sustained a distinct loss in the death of Pope Benedict. He was not only a great churchman, but a scholarly and astute statesman, whose influence for morality and spirituality the world can ill afford to lose in these troublesome times.—**Appleton (Wis.) Post-Crescent.**

"Had his life been spared a little longer it is not unlikely that he would have won another such triumph by negotiating an adjustment of the ancient quarrel with the Quirinal. It is an open secret that this matter had for some time been engaging his attention, and in one way or another he had intimated a readiness to recede in some measure from the intransigent position which Popes Pius the Ninth, Leo the Thirteenth and Pius the Tenth had occupied, and to make such concessions as might form the basis for a settlement. That was not to be; but upon the foundation he laid his successor may presently build, and whoever he may be he can do no better than emulate the wisdom, the liberality and the far-sightedness which characterized the brief but pregnant administration of Benedict the Fifteenth."—**Nashville (Tenn.) Banner.**

## This Editorial Reads Like Macauley's Essay on the Pope

Baltimore Sun, Jan. 23, 1922.

ALMOST twenty centuries look down upon the Roman Catholic hierarchy, and a hundred years after the Corsican conqueror, who defied it, died in his island prison, papal sovereignty remains serene and unshaken. Empires and kingdoms without number have passed away since the time when the first of this line ascended his spiritual throne, revolutions and revolutionists have come and gone, the face of the physical world has been changed beyond the dreams of human wisdom; but one unchanging feature of its progress has been the survival of this longest of all regimes. Nothing in human history so appeals to the imagination as this spectacle, nothing in literature, except the simple pages of the New Testament, so combines the suggestion of superhuman power with the suggestion of human simplicity and humility.

"Benedict XV was not notable among Popes for extraordinary and subtle intellect, nor was his reign distinguished by the development or discussion of great church questions or issues, such as occurred during the official lives of some of his recent predecessors. No doctrines like that of the Immaculate Conception nor of Papal Infallibility, such as were announced during the sovereignty of Pius IX, were proclaimed during his reign. No persecution of the Church, no serious schisms occurred, such as vexed the souls of others who had occupied the papal chair. But it may be doubted if any of them was subjected to a more trying strain than this Benedict.

"Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Jew and infidel can at least join in one verdict in regard to him—he strove with all his power to make men repudiate the barbaric code of war, to free the world from the age-old savagery of human strife.

"The smallest man physically who ever occupied the papal throne, few of the chief representatives of that great hierarchy since the days of St. Peter have made a larger appeal to human sympathy. Benedict, too, was in a sense, crucified for a great cause."

## A Brief Sketch of Benedict's Career and Arduous Work

BENEDICT XV was the two hundredth and fifty-ninth successor of Saint Peter as Pope of Rome and Vicar of Jesus Christ. He reigned seven years and four months. His pontificate ran its course coincidentally with the most extensive and desolating war from which the world has even suffered.

Giacomo (James) Della Chiesa, was born in Pegli, in the Diocese of Genoa, Italy, November 21, 1854. Members of the Della Chiesa family are prominent in the learned professions in Italy. The elder brother of the late Pope is an Admiral. Many representatives of the Della Chiesa family fought in the Italian Army during the War, and a favorite nephew of the late Pontiff gave his life at the front for his country.

James was educated in the Capranica College, Rome, and the Academy for Noble Ecclesiastics, and was ordained priest on December 21, 1878.

His early career as an ecclesiastic was a providential preparation for the task which awaited him as Supreme Pontiff. He was closely and intimately associated with the diplomatic work and functions of the Holy See, being for many years trained in this branch of service under Cardinal Rampolla, with whom he served in Madrid from 1883 to 1887, and later in the State Department of the Vatican. He was appointed Consultor of the Holy Office in 1901. On December 22, 1907, he was consecrated Archbishop of Bologna. On May 25, 1914, a few months before the assassin's shot was fired at Sarajevo which deluged the world in blood and tears, he was made Cardinal, and after Pope Pius X died heartbroken during the first terrible month of the world catastrophe, James della Chiesa was elected to the throne of the Fishermen, September 3, 1914. He was crowned on September 6.

No pope ever came to the head of the Church at an epoch of such tremendous social, moral and religious struggle and crisis as did Benedict XV.

**His Capacity For Work**

Though small and apparently of frail, or at least of delicate physique, Pope BenedictXV's capacity for work was commented upon by many journalists and other observers. Although seldom in bed before midnight he would be up and dressed every morning at five o'clock, though his Mass would not be said until six. The interval was spent in mental prayer, meditation, and in reading the scriptures or one of the Fathers of the Church, always in Latin. Following his celebration of his own Mass he would then assist at another Mass as an act of thanksgiving, "kneeling humbly as if he were an altar boy," said the London Mail.

At eight o'clock the Pope's breakfast would be served, nearly always consisting of a cup of black coffee without any food. For the next five hours the Pope would work. An enormous mass of correspondence would always be on his desk. These five hours at work would be followed by a solitary dinner, very simple, almost vegetarian in its character; bread, fruit, olives, macaroni, or cheese. He always ate alone.

There were many days on which the Pope adhered strictly to a rule of silence and would not pronounce a single word aloud except when he was at Mass. There were many other days on which the Pope abstained from food entirely. After a brief siesta, he would usually walk in the Vatican garden. The companion of this walk, his brother, very dear and very close to him, died a little more than a year ago, and the mark of that human sorrow, added to the burdens and worries of his extremely trying office, was un-

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## "Escaped Nun" Making Big Money in the Bigoted South

FROM many points in the far South word comes to us that another "escaped nun" is reaping a harvest in "silver collections" from the bigots. Some time ago we published, in our Bureau of Information, the facts in her case. It may be well to present them once more to our readers. But before doing so let us remind ourselves that the sort of thing this poor misguided woman is doing is nothing new. Not even the material which she uses in her lectures is new—nothing but the same old stuff which has been used by anti-Catholic lecturers for the last fifty years, the same fables and calumnies which Dominic Francis exposed in the first chapter of his book "The Anti-Catholic Motive." This woman, like all the rest, is out after the coin. And from all accounts she appears to be getting it! Her lectures draw crowds of bigots in a territory where Catholics are few and far between. The same town which listened to her fables and falsehoods a week or two ago, came out in crowds to hear a lecture in favor of the Ku Klux Klan a few nights later. Here are the facts of her sad case. From them it is easy to judge of the motives which impel her to travel about the south denouncing the Church from which she never received anything but kindness.

A Sister Mary Ethel was dismissed by the Superiors of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Apparition, after disgraceful insubordination. She was sent away from the Convent at Mandalay in 1917, having been a Sister for seven years. Her name is Helen Conroy, and she was previously dismissed from the Novitiate of the Little Sisters of the Poor of England. After being dismissed from her convent, she left Burma, in January 1918, in a secular dress and well provided with money for her traveling expenses. Her passage was paid by the Bishop, to Canada where her sister received her into her home. We have letters in her own handwriting, acknowledging her fault, and also thanking the Bishop for his undeserved kindness. On one occasion she threatened to sue the Congregation for damages, the reason for her hatred of the Catholic Church being obvious from the facts here given. She is being used by anti-Catholic campaigners, and is palming off the usual anti-Catholic misinformation for money. Her claim to be an "escaped nun" is as false as in other cases. If to "escape" from a convent, is to leave the place, after being formally dismissed, by the front door, in secular garb, and accompanied on the first stage of her journey by one of the Sisters, and with a ticket for a trip half way around the world provided by the Bishop who dispensed her Religious Vows then "Sister Mary Ethel" is an escaped nun!

# *Children's School and Playground*

### CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK.

(N. C. W. C. Service)

**Sunday, January 29.**—St. Francis of Sales, born at Annecy in France in 1566 and early marked for his talents. He gave up a brilliant career to become a priest. It is said he converted 72,00 Calvinists in Chablais. He was the personification of meekness, gentleness and humility of heart. He died at Avignon in 1622.

**Monday, January 30**—St. Bethiedes royal consort of King Clovis II. On the death of her husband she became regent and at once forbade the enslavement of Christians. She did all in her power to promote piety, filling France with hospitals and religious houses. When her son Clotaire came of age she retired to the convent of Chelles, where she died in 680.

**Tuesday, January 31**—St. Marcella, called by St. Jerome the glory of Roman women, became a widow in the seventh month after her marriage. She abstained from wine and flesh meat and employed her time in pious reading, prayer and visiting churches. Under her influence many monasteries were established in Rome. She died in 410.

**Wednesday, February 1.**—St. Bridgid, patroness of Ireland. She feared that she might break her vow to give herself to God, and in answer to her prayer her beauty was changed to ugliness. On the occasion of her solemn profession her beauty was restored. She founded the first convent in Ireland and later established similar institutions throughout the country.

**Thursday, February 2**—The Feast of the Purification or Candlemas Day, which commemorates how Mary, through obedience, offered her Child in the temple and redeemed Him with a pair of turtle doves. It is celebrated in the church by the blessing of candles.

**Friday, February 3**—St. Blase, a celebrated physician who gave up his practice to become a healer of souls. He was appointed Bishop of Sebaste. While being taken off to prison to die for the faith, the mother of a child affected with throat disease appealed to the saint, who cured the child. He was beheaded in 316.

**Saturday, February 4**—St. Jane of Valois, daughter of Louis XI, of France. At her father's wish but against her own inclination she married the Duke of Orleans, who when he came to the throne, repudiated her. She gladly embraced a religious life and founded the Order of the Annunciation. During her lifetime the Angelus was established in France. She died in 1505.

### LEARN THE ANSWERS.

*What "sea" is referred to in today's Gospel?*

*What does "Candlemas" mean?*

*Why are throats blessed on the feast of St. Blase?*

### HOLY COMMUNION FOR CHILDREN

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Let us stop and think of this great privilege of Holy Communion for children. Recall to your mind the inestimable good it has done, and the harm and evil it has kept away from innocent hearts, by strengthening them, through grace, to combat the evil enticements of the world.

Think of the children in the days of Our Lord. To them He gave a great portion of His time. He loved them, for their souls were innocent, and He found it an easy task to convert them and draw them to Himself. His beautiful words to them have come down to us. "Suffer little children to come to Me", for in their innocence they are like the angels of Heaven. By this Our Lord gives us an example of His love for pure souls.

On another occasion, when the Apostles asked Jesus who was greatest in Heaven, Jesus placed a child in their midst, saying that to become great in Heaven, we must, on earth, become innocent and humble as children. By this Our Lord explained to the Apostles that children's souls resemble heavenly spirits even on this earth. In connection with the above instance a woe was pronounced upon those who scandalize the young, or lead them into sin.

Which child is more virtuous, the one who pays tribute to Jesus by his faithful fulfillment of the duties of a child toward God, in the practice of obedience to parents and teachers, and the teachings of Holy Mother the Church, or the flighty child, who walks the street at night, goes to the "Movie," dance hall, skating rink, and does not even, at least, prepare his daily lessons for school, and thinks lightly, if at all, of the higher duties of life? If all children on this earth followed the modern scandalous and sinful life of the world, virtue would soon die out, but we have many, who remain faithful to grace and the practice of virtue, by the steady adherence to Catholic practice. Many who bravely renounce the works of the devil and keep his temptations at a distance by the strengthening grace of the Sacraments, especially Penance and the Holy Communion.

In olden times small children received particles of the Host, as well as the grown people. Later this custom was abandoned. Now we may offer grateful thanks to the Holy Father Pope Pius X for restoring the beautiful practice of early Communion for the little children when they have reached the use of reason. In receiving the Eucharist early in life they obtain strength to shun sin more bravely and to practice virtue more assiduously.

Children, who from the age of five or six on, attend a Catholic school, receive the most thorough religious instruction, are shown good example by the practical Catholic lives of the majority of their associates and playmates, and are impressed by the religious environment and the daily attendance at Mass, are without doubt, early prepared for the first visit of the Heavenly Bridegroom into their innocent little hearts.

Most children are anxious to learn what is right, and after they have learned the right they will feel the same way about practicing it. Many small children now receive Holy Communion very frequently and show the older ones that, in their turn, they will be able to take care of Holy Mother Church just as well, or perhaps better than their ancestors. By their humble but forceful example many people are converted, while others are brought back to the Sacraments. They feel ashamed, when they see small children getting ahead of them. Thus Holy Communion for children is of untold benefit, not only for themselves but also to lead others back to God.

### "I'M SORRY."

I wonder if we realize the very great value of those two little words? Often we know that we are in the wrong, that we have spoken some word that has hurt our parents, our friends, our teachers. We really are sorry for what we have said, but somehow we do not like to say so. Or perhaps we have been punished for some fault, and although we really mean to try to do better, we do not say so. Yet there is nothing which older people admire so much in a child as the good disposition which not only feels sorry for faults, but is willing to say so. How often we can take the sting of sadness away from the hearts of those we love by just saying two small words—"I'm sorry." Why do we not say them? Just Pride—sinful Pride, which keeps us from admitting that we were wrong, though in our hearts we know that we were. Just Pride—sinful Pride, which permits others to be unhappy rather than humble itself to say the words which make everything right once more.

When we go to Confession, we tell Almighty God that we are sorry because we have broken His laws and grieved His loving heart. We are ashamed of what we have done, but we are not ashamed of our penitence and sorrow for our sins. Why? Because we know that God loves us. And we want Him to know that we return His love. So with those who love us on earth, and whom we love in return, we should never be ashamed to tell them that we are sorry for our offences against them. Often that is all we can do to make up for the pain we have caused them. Don't let your Pride stand in the way, but bravely say "I'm sorry."

— **Brother Vincent Ferrer, O.P.T.**

### OUR SUNDAY VISITOR

Little Gretchen's father is a travelling man who is out on the road during the week but usually manages to get in to his home-town from Saturday night to Monday morning. Recently her family were discussing an article in OUR SUNDAY VISITOR, when suddenly Gretchen piped up: "Mamma, isn't Daddy our Sunday Visitor?"

A man is never so rich as when he makes himself poor for God's sake.

## *Some Practical Reflections on Current Religious Thought*

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win, of God's Bible School, who have gone to Venezuela as missionaries.

The card reads:

PRAY FOR US

We are giving our time, our money, our talents, our lives, our all, for the salvation of the perishing, languishing millions of heathens in Venezuela, South America.

My Dear Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin: My prayers are with you, and also with all those who can do something to save the heathens in Cincinnati who ravage the streets in Cincinnati with pistols, and bootleg, and steal and murder, but seldom perish. I wish you success with the heathen of Venezuela who cannot be much worse than the heathen of Cincinnati.

Yours respectfully,
VILLAGE GOSSIP.

Which leads us to remark once more, on the strange earnestness with which our separated brethren turn their attention (and their resources) to the conversion of Catholics, in Latin America, and other Latin countries, to Protestantism. Hundreds of missionaries, male and female, are sent at great expense to these benighted lands. Oddly enough the first thing they usually do is to open a school—a denominational school, in which the teaching of their religion is featured, and every effort made to proselytize both children and their parents. They do this even in countries (like Chile) which have fairly good public schools of their own. And somehow it does not seem inconsistent to them to decry denominational schools in the United States, and support them in Chile! Nor do they see the fine humor of the situation which leads them to concentrate their efforts to win people away from the Faith of their Fathers in distant fields, while failing to engage in similarly vigorous efforts at home.

With two thirds of the American people unchurched, owing no allegience to any sort of religion or religious organization, it would seem that the words of "The Village Gossip" might come home to them with greater force. Also it would seem that there must be some reason, not apparent on the surface, why they do not turn their attention to the conversion of twenty millions of Catholics in the United States before turning to those of Central and South America to say nothing of Italy!

## Not One Objection Is Sound

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These are usually well patronized and of a high standard, but of course they are not numerous enough to take care of half the school population of the country. The State has been negligent. Why does it not occur to you that in the most progressive countries the Catholic Church flourishes best? Why does it not occur to you that in those States of the Union which are predominantly Catholic, the smallest percentage of illiteracy prevails? And that in those states where there are scarcely any Catholics the greatest percentage of illiteracy exists? On your theory, Protestants would be most backward.

You have been told that Catholics are superstitious. Yet they alone are taught that superstition is sinful. It is the non-Catholic who believes in all kinds of superstitious practices, such as spiritualism and fortune-telling. It is he who is afraid to travel on Friday, or to sit down with twelve others at table, etc.

You have also heard that the Catholic Church keeps her people in servility, and that they are not as free as other people. Even here, the contrary is true. Feeling secure in their religious faith Catholics are the most free in the sense Christ Himself had in mind when He declared "You shall know the truth, and truth shall make you free." Do you believe yourself in servility because you believe that twice two are four and dare not believe differently? Are you less free because you must believe that a whole apple is bigger than any one of its parts? These are mathematical truths which really make the mind free to calculate properly. Divine revelation declares eternal truths, which are a real guide to the believer rather than a source of slavery.

If you have heard that the Catholic Church seeks to destroy the public school system you have heard a malicious lie, because there is absolutely nothing to warrant the charge. She never raises her voice against a single thing taught in the public schools; she merely claims, like thousands of ministers and educators claim, that the lack of religious instruction prevents the finished education which it were well that all our children had.

## *The Stranger At Services in the Catholic Church*

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| 28 | Lets a small part of the sacred Host fall into the chalice | Descends into Limbo. |
| 29 | Says the Agnus Dei | Is acknowledged on the cross to be the Son of God by bystanders. |
| 30 | Gives Holy Communion | Is laid in the sepulchre. |
| 31 | Cleanses the chalice | Is annointed by pious women. |
| 32 | Pepares the chalice for use again | Arises from the dead. |
| 33 | Says the Dominus vobiscum | Appears to His mother and disciples. |
| 34 | Says the last prayer | Teaches for forty days. |
| 35 | Says the last Dominus vobiscum | Takes leave of His disciples and ascends into heaven. |
| 36 | Gives the blessing | Sends down the Holy Ghost. |
| 37 | Says, Ite Missa Est, and reads the last Gospel | Sends the Apostles to preach the Gospel. |

(To be continued)

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### SCHOLASTIC MIRTH

Teacher—Why did the people of old believe that the world was flat?

Pupil——Because they didn't have a school globe to prove that it was round.

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Particulars as to practice will be found in any prayer book.

### DAILY MASS

If only more people knew the happiness that comes from attending Daily Mass, our churches would be filled every day. Most of us by rising only half an hour earlier than the accustomed time, could assist at the daily sacrifice without much effort, and our day be filled with the comforting thought that we had started it right. Try it, those of you who have not yet found this treasure. I would not give up my daily Mass and Communion now for anything you could give me. I am a business woman, work hard all day, but work is easier if we assist at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The little half hour in the morning given ti God and his Sacred Heart! Surely more people can give it. Think of the graces we will receive from our dear Sacred Heart for just a little effort on our part, in return for all that He does for us in keeping us out of the dangers of accidents, happening every day around us, think of the comforting thought it will be when we are lying on a bed of pain and know that we cannot again assist at the Sacrifice of the Mass. What would we not give then to have risen just half an hour earlier in the morning and attended Daily Mass, when we were in buoyant health and could do so easily.

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### NATURE'S REQUIEM FOR THE DEAD.

Have you been out in the silent woods
During the past few days?
Have you seen the ancient hills,
The grand old hills of Missouri,
Emblazoned with the heraldry of
Autumn?

The crest of royalty is there,
Mounting the House of Death.
The crimson blood of martyrdom
Flecks the field of virgin gold;
The Standard of royal purple
Is mantled with pale blue stars.

The Season's armored legion
Is resting on the hills.
The Missouri sunlight
Falling on their varied helmets
Glistens at noon-day,
Like a shower of shimmering gold
Shaken from angels' wings.

Mounted upon a slight elevation
I saw in the distance
A wooded forest,
Whose leaves were aglow
With the broken rainbow's deepest
hues:
The splendid array seemed to be
An army of Giant Angels,
Who,
Wearied with much travel
In the valleys of men,
Had folded their gold-becrimsoned
wings,
And, bowing their heads to the East,
Were resting on the peaceful hills.
And then I heard the sudden sighing
Of the weird winds of Autumn:
It was the voice,
In plaintive unison,
In pains purgatorial,
Of souls devoid of rest.
And the message of that sigh?
Ah, it was the same story
As that so eloquently told
By the green, gold and crimson
Of the Autumn leaves:
The giant angels
Were praying, praying, praying.
As I wearily wound my way
Homeward,
I, too, murmured the **De Profundis**
And my soul was indeed, lifted
Out of the depths.
I knelt on consecrated ground,
For Nature,
Mute Priest of God,
With strange liturgical contradiction,
In vestments of gold and crimson,—
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Was saying Mass for the dead!

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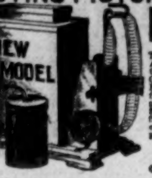

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### GRAINS OF GOLD

The Fathers saw in the Blessed Virgin a type of the Church. This idea occurs as early as the Epistle of the Churches of Lyons and Vienne (177 A. D.) where the Church is called the "Virgin Mother" rejoicing over her martyrs.

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If the Church is ever pleading for her children, so is Mary; and the earliest pictorial representation of her is the 'Orante' of the Catacombs, who stands with outstretched arms, in endless intercession, among tombs still red with the martyr's blood.

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"How do you know there is a God?" said a scoffer to an Arab guide,—"How did I know a camel passed my tent in the darkness but by the print of his hoof?" was the reply. "So" he added, pointing to the sunset, "I know that yonder footprint is not man's but God's."

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God permitted the Apostle of Nations to remain two years in prison at a time when the primitive Church had great need of men to preach the Gospel. Do not think much of it, therefore, if God detains you, as it were in prison, by an illness of two weeks or two months or two years, if it be His will.

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If you are suffering from a bad man's injustice, forgive him, lest there should be two bad men.—**St. Augustine**

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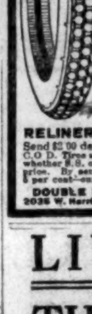

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*Are portraits of all the popes in existence?*

Yes, the list of popes published in the *Gerarchia Cattolica*, Rome, in 1875, was gathered from the series of portraits, painted in medallions, on the nave walls of the Basilica of St. Paul, on the Ostian Way, near Rome.

This magnificent church was built over the tomb of the great Apostle, under the reign of Constantine the Great, by Pope St. Sylvester, about the year A. D. 320. The portrait of that Pope and of Marcus, his successor, and of the thirty-three Popes who preceded them, were all painted apparently by the same hand. The portraits of the succeeding Popes were generally added, one by one, by different hands, probably soon after death, and by the care of their successors. This, however, seems to have been omitted in some instances, possibly on account of the troublous times; for we find that the series has been continued by medallions of two or three Popes evidently executed by the same artists. The most considerable interruption of such a character was in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, when seven medallions seems to have been painted during the reign of Martin V.

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The Basilica of St. Paul was destroyed by fire in 1823 and this series of portraits unfortunately perished in the flames. But half a century before all these portraits had been carefully engraved on copperplate and published. From these engravings Pope Pius IX. has caused the portraits to be reproduced in imperishable mosiacs, and they again decorate the nave of the splendid Basilica of St. Paul, which he consecrated a few years ago.

From the copperplates other copies have been made in copperplate, steel, lithograph, and photograph, of various sizes, and may be easily obtained.

Under each medallion in the Church was an inscription giving the name of the Pontiff and the length of his pontificate. Ordinarily, in the case of contemporary Popes, this is testimony of the highest character. Where, as in the case of the earlier Popes, the inscription could only give the judgment of the painter as to dates long past, it obviously cannot claim the same high value. It might be, and in some cases has been, held to be uncertain, and in others erroneous. Some Popes, also, have been inserted in this list, doubtless in deference to the claims urged at the time by their adherents, and perhaps for sake of peace. A more critical and impartial spirit has doubted or denied their right to such honor, and classed them as Antipopes.

In these two points we find the explanation of the differences between this list of Popes and those found elsewhere.

This list contain 264 Popes, while Benedict XV was generally acknowledged as the 260th.

*Is a Catholic prohibited from joining the Loyal Order of Moose?*

No prohibition has been placed against Catholics joining this fraternal organization, though pastors prefer to have members of their parishes first join their parish and other Catholic societies.

*Isn't it true that there are many miraculous cures being performed by Divine healers and others. How do you account for these facts?*

One should not call these reports facts until proven to be true. Reports coming from two of the southern states and two of the western states indicate that some marvelous cures are being effected through the so-called divine healing power of revivalists. While we have no means of determining absolutely that all these reports are false, we incline to the belief that only functional ailments removed as may take place the rough suggestion and hypnosis The class of people who are attracted by this emotional form of religion might be temporarily cured from some ailment real or imaginary. There is no reason to believe that these divine healers can produce permanent cures. If complete restoration of health could be had by the laying on of hands, or by the "measuring" process or any of the other practices which are resorted to, certainly God would not be the author for He would not place His divine power at the disposal of some itinerant revivalist or divine healer, denying it to His own ministers who are really promoting His honor and glory. There is no natural connection between cause and the alleged effect and therefore these things are not of God.

*Did our Lord Himself baptize anyone?*

There is no record in the Bible of our Lord Himself administering the Sacrament of Baptism. We read in John 4:2: "Jesus Himself did not baptize, but his disciples." Our Lord instituted the Sacrament of Baptism and gave to the Church the authority to administer it. The Baptism of John was not Christian Baptism but a Jewish ceremony.

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# MY IDEAL OF A LIFE PARTNER.

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**Our Readers are reminded that THEY are the judges in this Contest, and are urged to fill out the coupons attached to each of the essays and send them in to our office not later than February 26th.**

### ONE IDEAL
### (No. 18)

A genuine ideal is one of human nature's boons, born of a wholesome desire, and should not be denied. To some men this ideal appears as an ambition to achieve big things, and is their greatest incentive toward an end. To others it is a beacon-light, guiding them through discouragement and past apparent failure, while to still others it is an inward picture of what natural pleasures the future may hold for them. Many a lonely one thus experiences his life's only romance. To me is granted a steadfast vision, ever presenting a central figure, the "girl."

My dream girl is not a fairy-princess, for long ago would she have been dispelled, but a human creature, endowed with the natural favors of her race, and of a truth, with many of its faults.

She is, above all, a true child of Mother Church, for how otherwise should I know her? What a wealth of peace and contentment that means, for my own faith would be warmed and strengthened by the example of her Catholic life. What else matters, but depends on this?

An artists' treasure she need not be, for the ancient Plato has well said "Beauty is only a privilege of nature." Manner will lend loveliness to the homliest face, and grace will compel admiration.

Being a Catholic it is natural to suppose that she has had a parochial or convent-school education, at least in the elementary subjects. It is not necessary then to consider seriously this part of her makeup. She certainly must have profited by good surroundings always present in such a course.

If she is a pianist, even passing fair, or interested in music of some sort, or possessed of a pleasing voice the monotony of many an evening would be discarded. Thus too could an all-day grouch be dismissed and cheerfulness reinstated.

Being entitled to the ballot, if of age, I should expect her to exercise her right, for a good wife and mother must surely be a good and dutiful citizen.

It is natural, that being a business man, and having been in contact with women of that sphere the greater part of my life, I sould expect to find a life partner amongst them. Now, of course, this would not be essential, but would make for congeniality, one of the attributes of a companion. Our methods and sympathies would more likely be of the same nature, and our habits more evenly regulated.

She must not have two standards of life, one for home use and the other for public review. That is hypocrisy and does not have a place in Catholicity. She will regard me at home the same as before others, and I will endeavor to agree with her in this. A mutual affection and respect must result.

Being a real woman she will have a natural love for children, and should our home be blessed by the presence of little ones, will bring them up as God-fearing sons and daughters, and with my slender assistance to make their home life what it should be.

As a housewife she is an ardent exponent of the virtue which is next to Godliness, and a disciple of Heaven's first law. The home where she dwells will be a place of joy to the heart and eye, not a hole of regret, dismal and forbidding. My own interest will be that much more deepened therein. It follows, of course, that an appetizing meal in such an atmosphere would enhance its value. Indigestion is a poor home sustainer. What a joy it would be to have a wife who does not putter around the house every minute of the year, but who can put aside her cares for a while and accompany me in some outside recreation. My home shall not be a prison to either of us, but a haven of rest, security and companionship. More than the others must the last be true, for real affection can be founded on no more firm a base than companionship. Understanding and tolerance to a greater degree will be the result. Happiness must follow.

Carvel.

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### FOR BETTER, FOR WORSE
### (No. 18)

It would be quite lovely if we could choose a partner for better, for richer, in health until, until, well, until—but, to choose one for worse, for poorer, in sickness, until DEATH! that is quite a different thing, a pretty serious contract. Thinking of this it behooves us to look long and earnestly at the mob (??.?) of eager suitors clamoring at the door of our hearts before choosing that "Life Partner."

In olden times a man did not come whining to a maiden and say: "I long to be a knight but am too weak to do battle unaided. Be my ladye fair and help me win my spurs." No, she would have laughed him to scorn. He won his spurs first, and only after he proved himself worthy and received his accolade, did she give him her hand.

My "IDEAL" is a MAN, a GENTLEMAN, and a gentle man. There is a vast difference in those last two requirements, and CLEANLINESS must be his keynote. Morally, Mentally, and Physically CLEAN! There must be no wild oats sowed thru his past life for me to help reap, for no man gathers such a harvest alone.

Next he must be honorable in every way that good old word implies. An "always keep my promise" man who will not take me from a comfortable home until he is able to provide one for me himself.

And he must be STRONG. Strong in character, in purpose and endeavor, with a keen sense of humor included.

And Religion, well one can not have everything. Since we know our religion to be the one, true, and only religion why be so selfish with it, give others a chance. I would naturally prefer that my "Ideal" be a Catholic, but if he is not it would be my greatest pleasure to make up to him for all he had missed in his boyhood, explain to him the beauties of our Faith, try to convert him, and even tho I fail he is bound to be a better man and I a better woman for my efforts.

From personal knowledge it seems to me that converts nearly always make the staunchest and very best Catholics. If they are not, nine times out of ten, it is because of utter carelessness on the Catholic party's part. Any way, I would be willing to give a right thinking man a chance, "to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do us part."

Diane.

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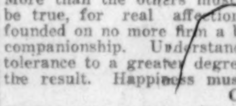

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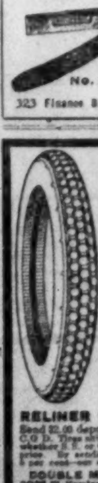

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## THE LATE POPE BENEDICT.

Pope Benedict died shortly after our paper for January 29th had gone to press. This explains the absence of any allusion to the Holy Father's departure in last Sunday's paper. Because OUR SUNDAY VISITOR must reach most distant places before the Sunday whose date it bears, our little messenger must go to press earlier than the diocesan or local Catholic weeklies.

It might not be out of place to mention in this connection that OUR SUNDAY VISITOR receives and pays for all the N. C. W. C. News Service which is patronized by the different Catholic newspapers. But we do not use this service for the two-fold reason that we go to press earlier than these other papers do, and because there would be no reason for one to take the diocesan paper along with OUR SUNDAY VISITOR if we published Catholic news.

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But to return to the subject of the Pope's death: The designs of Providence are often beyond our comprehension. Pope Benedict had been ruling the Church of God so well, had been winning the good will of governments, one after another, and had even begun to interest the Schismatic Greeks in the momentous matter of reunion with the Mother Church. The Pope died at the very age at which his two immediate predecessors, Pius X and Leo XIII, began their successful pontificates. The Pope had steered the Church through the world war so wisely that no valid criticism could rightfully be directed against him. The French thanked him and so did the Belgians, yet the Central Powers did not believe that he was partial in any manner to the allies. Those who accuse him of being favorable to one or other of the belligerents were the professed enemies of the Church, who wished to make out a case against the Pope. The Pope used his best efforts in behalf of peace, but when they failed he did all in his power to mitigate the horrors of the brutal war. He induced the different nations to exchange prisoner for prisoner; he assisted thousands upon thousands of distracted parents to locate their boys from whom they were not receiving any word. So charitable and benevolent was Benedict towards the distressed, whether in Poland, or Germany, or Russia, or Turkey, or Greece, that enemies of the Church and of Christianity have blessed his name. Only a few weeks ago a monument in his honor was unveiled in Constantinople, paid for by Schismatic Greeks and Turks. When the rules of international law were violated, no matter by which nation, Benedict dealt out his reprimand, and it was always taken in good part. He first suggested proposals of disarmament and today his ideas are being considered at the big Conference in Washington. He was the first to suggest terms of peace, and they were in the main those which ex-President Wilson embodied in his 14 points.

The outbreak of the war in 1914 killed Pope Benedict's predecessor; and his own futile efforts to end the war and to secure a genuine peace for the world undermined his constitution, and his eneebled powers of resistance made him an easy victim to pneumonia. Benedict did great things during the short space of seven years, and the Holy Spirit surely was with him. Let us now pray that Almighty God Himself may select his successor and that His Church may prosper as never before, and that the "intrepid faith" foretold by Malachy, as characteristic of the next Pope's reign, may become a fact throughout the world.

## POLITICS IN THE POPE'S ELECTION?

While the American papers have been quite generous with the space allotted to Pope Benedict and the papacy, there has been through it all what appears to be intentional anti-Catholic propaganda. Ever since the Pope's death the papers have been telling of this group's candidate and that group's fear. It was even more than intimated that money was being used to further the candidacy of one or other's election. This is all so ridiculous on its very face, to the enlightened Catholic reader, but it is not palpably false to the non-Catholic, who perceives more of the human than of the divine in the Church. Any ecclesiastical office or dignity won through money could not be held, and the person seeking to secure such an office in that way would be excommunicated. Neither Pius X nor Benedict XV ever dreamed of being elected to the papacy, nor were their names mentioned in any way before the election. The Cardinal must pledge himself under oath to cast his ballot not as policy or his personal feelings suggest, but as his conscience dictates. Every ballot must be signed, so that it will be known whether a Cardinal voted for himself or not. Our enemies want others to believe that the Catholic Church is a political institution, and the forthcoming election of the Pope is grasped as an excellent opportunity to propagate the slander.

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Rt. Rev. Dear Msgr. Noll:

On the first page of Our Sunday Visitor, Jan. 22, 1922, appeared a brief article under the caption, "Eucharistic League Prays for Reunion of Christians," by the Rev. Albert Muntsch, S. J. For the benefit of the many thousands of your readers who might like to know more about this great mission activity and truly apostolic work, I should like to add a few more explanatory details.

In the first place, to avoid all confusion, I should like to state that the "International Eucharistic League" is not the same as the well known Eucharistic League of which the Fathers of the Blessed Sacrament are in charge.

The "International Eucharistic League under the guidance of the Holy Ghost for the union of Christendom" was established in 1920 at Vienna by the Rev. Anton Puntigam, S. J., who is the director general. As the League is an international federation "for the union of Christendom," a director is appointed for each country. Consequently, on June 3, 1921, the undersigned was named director of the "International Eucharistic League" for the United States and "The Grail" was designated its official organ.

Through the Holy Eucharist the League will endeavor to attain its end, which is threefold: (1) to bring about the union and harmony of all Catholics throughout the world, of whom many are still bitter enemies although they all partake of the same peace-bringing sacraments; (2) to reunite in the Church all our separated brethren of whom, according to recent statistics, 179,000,000 are Evangelical Protestants and 132,000,000 are oriental schismatics; (3) to incorporate in the Church all non-Christians, who are said to number one billion seventy-five million. To make, then, of the human race one vast family is the grand aim of the "International Eucharistic League."

What zealous Catholic would be unwilling to do his mite towards the attainment of this grand object—the salvation of all men? That the League may accomplish its noble purpose those who join it are asked to do two things, neither of which is burdensome nor difficult: (1) to offer up a Mass heard and a Holy Communion received at least (a) once a week, which is the first degree, or (b) once a month (second degree), or (c) three times a year (third degree); and (2) to make an offering each day of all the Masses and Holy Communions throughout the whole world for the union of Christendom. This offering may be made in one's own words or even mentally, or according to the formula suggested. Priests who are members will make the daily offering and celebrate for the intentions of the League at least one Mass a year "ad tollendum schisma."

All the faithful can be admitted to the League if they are willing to comply with the simple conditions explained above. Application for membership may be made to the director, whose address is given below, or to a duly appointed promoter. There are neither fees, dues, nor collections, but at the time of admission it is customary to make an offering to help carry on the work of the League. Religious and the poor are exempt from this offering. If a parish, sodality, society, or religious community wishes to enter as a whole or in part, the individual names need not be sent. All that is required is to state the number of members enrolled.

Promoters are wanted to spread the League and to make it known. Here is a splendid opportunity for men and women who are filled with love for the Holy Eucharist—which enkindles in the heart apostolic zeal for the salvation of souls—to labor for this end as often as time permits by promoting the International Eucharistic League, which is destined through earnest prayer, good example, the spoken and written word to bring many souls to God.

The International Eucharistic League was established with the approbation of Cardinal Piffl of Vienna and in the United States it has received the hearty approval and blessing of their Eminences Cardinals O'Connell and Dougherty.

I have written thus at length in the hope of making the League better and more widely known that all may have a greater share in bringing the "other sheep" into the fold "that they all may be one." Any further information will be gladly given by,

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January 23, 1922.

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Yours sincerely,
REV. F. A. G.

### Prayer for Catholic Marriages

O almighty, eternal God, Who hast given to us the pearl of great price in the possession of the true faith, and desirest that we should preserve it and hand it down to our children: grant, we beseech Thee, that we may love the company of our fellow Catholics, so that when we marry, we may bend our affections, like Tobias and Rebecca, to the person of Thy choice, and may receive a blessing on our union as the happy couple of Cana did through the presence of Jesus and Mary.—Amen.

### Prayer for Careless Catholics

O Lord Jesus Christ, who hast said: "Not everyone that saith to me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven: but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven, he shall enter into the kingdom of heaven": soften the hearts and enlighten the minds of all those who have sometime professed the Catholic faith, so that they may become the doers of Thy Word, and may resume the practice of the Catholic religion and may keep Thy commandments, attend Thy sacrifice and receive Thy sacraments, and through the constant doing of penance and good works, may attain to the salvation of their souls.—Amen

### Prayer for Non-Catholics

O Jesus, Good Shepherd, who hast declered: "Other sheep I have, that are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear by voice, and there shall be one fold and one shepherd": grant, we beseech Thee, so to fill the hearts of the other sheep with a deep sorrow for sin, and their minds with a strong desire for the light of the true faith, so that following Thy divine guidance they may belong to the flock over which Thou hast set St. Peter and his successors to feed and guide it to the end of time.—Amen.

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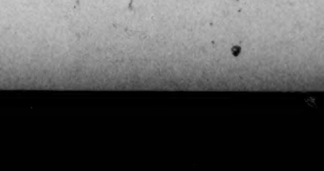

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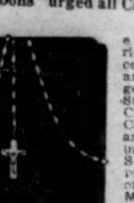

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